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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

Applicant respectfully submits this response to the Office Action mailed by the United States Patent and Trademark Office on September 16, 2004. A response to the Office Action was due December 16, 2004. A petition for a five-month extension of time is filed herewith along with the associated fee pursuant §1.17(a).

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed: Assistant Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on March 14, 2005.

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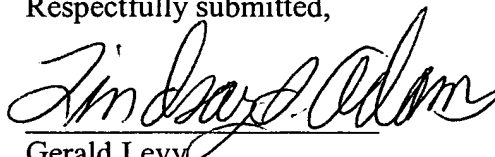
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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Account No. 50-1145.

The Examiner requires an election of species for continued prosecution: Species A (claims 1-6 and 11-12); and Species B (claims 7-10). In response, Applicant hereby elects Species B.

If any additional fee is due, the amount of such fee may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-1145.

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